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MACKEREL ON GEORGES.

LARGE SCHOOLS REPORTED SEEN RECENTLY BY SWORD-FISHERMEN.

Swordfishermen at T wharf yesterday report large schools of mackerel on the southeastern part of Georges recently. The fish are really just off the edge of the bank, in 50 and 60 fathoms of water, and well over, about 150 miles from Highland light.

The fare of salt mackerel of sch. Stiletto sold to William H. Jordan & Co. at \$20 per barrel for large unrimmed fish and \$16 for tinkers.

LOOKS FOR SUITABLE SITE.

B. A. Smith Inspected Several Properties at Louisburg Recently.

A Louisburg, C. B., dispatch of Friday, to the Sydney Record, says:

"Benjamin Smith of Gloucester, was in town Wednesday and left by the evening express for Sydney. While here Mr. Smith looked over some properties with a view to erecting a fishing plant, but nothing definite in the purchase of property has been done. The Gorton-Pew fishing plant is therefore as remote as it was a month ago."

Spoke Dory Handliners.

Capt. Louis Wharton of sch. Oriole reports speaking sch. Lillian on the northern part of Quero Bank recently. The captain also reports seeing the dory handliner Harvard, Thomas A. Cromwell, Eleonor, Arbutus and Fannie E. Perscott on St. Peter's bank, two weeks ago today. There had been good fishing there, the Oriole getting 100 tubs in 10 days.

Some of the fleet above mentioned were handicapped by not having slickers and before he left for home, Capt. Wharton, who had a good supply of both slickers and lead, furnished some of the vessels with these very necessary articles for catching the fish which were not taking the baited hooks well.

Salt Cargo Arrived.

The Italian ship, Yallarol arrived at this port from Trapani yesterday afternoon, after a passage of 70 days, with a cargo of 2100 tons of salt consigned to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co. The captain reports no accidents on the passage across, having fair weather, but was 36 days in reaching Gibraltar from Trapani.

Profited by Delay.

The captain of sch. Stranger made a wise move when he held over a day with his fare at T wharf. The craft came in at T wharf Monday with 111 swordfish, but the skipper did not like the price offered, and decided to hang on until Tuesday. He made money by so doing, for he got about one cent per pound more for his fish.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, from the Perce fishing grounds, was at Mulgrave, N. S., Saturday, hauling for 150,000 pounds of codfish.

Sch. W. E. Morrissey was at Shelburne, N. S. Saturday.

Sch. Arbutus was at Louisburg, C. B., Friday. Capt. Kemp reported poor fishing on Quero.

St. Pierre, Miq., Fisheries.

A report upon the fisheries of St. Pierre, Miq., shows the affairs there are in a most encouraging state. Last year a local fleet of 55 vessels landed fish at the island, while in 1909 the local fleet only numbered 44 vessels. The catch of last year represented about \$450,000 to the islanders.

MITES FROM MAINE.

Mixed mackerel have struck in shore, 2000 pounds having been brought into Portland in one day from the traps at Small Point and Richmond island. The fish vary in size from tinkers to large four-pound fish. During the palmy days of the mackerel industry the appearance of the smaller sized fish, commonly called tinkers, was almost invariably followed by a good catch during the months of August and September.

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BAIT QUESTION A BIG PROBLEM.

LESS PLentiful AT NOVA SCOTIA THAN ON NEW ENGLAND COAST.

Bait is a big problem with the fishermen at the present time. There seems to be plenty of fish most anywhere, but bait, as a rule, has been scarce, and strange to relate has really been more scarce on the Nova Scotia, Labrador and Newfoundland coast than it has along the New England shore.

Some weeks ago, vessels going to the eastern fishing grounds, left a plentiful supply of bait right here and went along without it, thinking they would have no trouble to the eastward, but as everybody knows, the unexpected happened and the eastern bait did not materialize to any extent, and trouble and small fares resulted in some cases. It is safe to say that none of the skippers will let any bait in this vicinity get by their bow now if they can help it.

At present bluebacks are reported at Provincetown, Plymouth and Boothbay Harbor, although there were none

at the latter port yesterday, as it was too rough for the boats to fish.

There was no squid in the traps at Provincetown yesterday.

Quite a number of the shackers have gone to Boothbay Harbor for their bait, while some of the market fishermen and halibuters will seek theirs at Provincetown.

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SCH. GOV. FOSS "DOING THINGS"

STOCKED \$9400 ON THREE HALIBUT TRIPS, CREW SHARING \$224.60.

Like her distinguished namesake, the new sch. Gov. Foss has been "doing things" since she started.

She has been in commission two months under command of Capt. Fred Thompson and in that time has made three trips halibuting. On these the splendid stock of \$9400 has been made and the members of the crew have profited to the extent of \$224.60 clear per man.

Thus far this season, Capt. Thompson has been going like a house afire. He started the season, halibuting on January 4, in sch. John Hays Hammond, and up to date has stocked in two crafts \$21,300.

THROWN INTO THE WATER.

But Grasped Headgear When Vessel Plunged and Saved Himself.

Thrown from his position on the pulpit at the end of the bowsprit of the sch. Rita A. Viator during a squall Thomas Loranzo, one of the crew, had a miraculous escape from drowning a week ago. Loranzo was in the pulpit watching for swordfish, when the schooner dipped into a choppy sea. He was caught off his guard, and the next moment toppled into the water. Loranzo managed to keep afloat and when the schooner again dipped, he grasped the headgear, and hung on until his companions assisted him aboard.

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Newfoundland Fishery Reports.

Messages from the western side of Placentia Bay, N. F., the past few days indicate that the fishery there is so backward that people are taking their traps out of the water and abandoning the voyage, which will be much below the average.

The Twillingate, N. F., fleet, fishing on the French shore, did poorly this season, most of the vessels returning with catches of from 40 to 70 qtls.

Raise for Fresh Halibut.

Fresh halibut are bringing a fine price this morning, a raise of a cent per pound all around being made over last sales, the trip of sch. Kineo selling to the New England Fish Company at 11 cents per pound for white and 9 cents for gray.

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SEINERS STILL AFTER MACKEREL.

Believe That Fish Will Show up in the Near Future.

May Be Found on Massachusetts or Maine Coasts or Bay of Fundy.

The blowy weather which has prevailed this week has interfered to some extent with the operations of the mackerel seining fleet and no fares of fresh mackerel are reported in at any port today.

This morning steamer Bessie M. Dugan arrived at this port with 10 1-2 barrels of salted tinkers, which sold to Harvey C. Smith & Son for a lump sum, which figures out a little better per barrel than last sales, which were at \$10 per barrel.

Capt. Vautier got his fish down off Chatham, and would not have come home only for the "grub" giving out and all hands being without a regular meal for 48 hours, for he had heard of the report of Capt. George H. Peeples of the schools of fish to the southeast of No Man's Land and was anxious to go and have a look in that direction.

Like many of the other seining skippers, Capt. Vautier believes that "somebody is going to get the awful trip pretty soon." The only question at present is where to go to find the fish. All know there was a good body to the westward of the lightship and also quite a lot of fish up off

Chatham, and besides this that a big body of tinkers has been reported and seen from Chatham to Halfway Rock on the Maine coast. These tinkers seen off Chatham and off Provincetown also appear to have gone somewhere and the natural inference is that they are now somewhere in the Bay of Fundy or on the Maine coast.

Aside from the tinkers there is a lot of big fish taking it easy in some sequestered spot, and to find them means a whole year's work in one trip for some lucky skipper and crew.

Speaking of the tinkers, Capt. Vautier believes that if a skipper can hang on and keep going until the middle of September he will see some big doings on the Maine coast and in this belief he is backed by the opinion also of many others of the observing mackerel catchers.

Capt. William Parsons will keep on seining in sch. Saladin and Capt. Lewis Carritt will also keep at it in sch. Stiletto.

Some of the crew of sch. Kineo which arrived here this morning, report seeing a good school of fish off Isle of Shoals yesterday. They are not sure just what they were but some of the men thought they were mackerel.

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GIVE MARKET--GET BAIT SUPPLY.

Significant Remark in Interview With Premier Morris.

Of especial interest here at the present time is a Reuters' agency interview with Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, given at London just after he arrived there for the coronation. Particularly significant is the part where the premier says:

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The interview was as follows. "Asked about reciprocity arrangement recently entered into between Canada and the United States and how it was likely to affect Newfoundland, Sir Edward said, that time alone would be able to give a correct estimate. As it was largely a domestic matter between the two countries, he did not care to give any decided expression of opinion. The world was already aware of the position of reciprocity as between Newfoundland and the United States.

"The colony had entered into a treaty in 1890 with the United States. This was never ratified for the reason that Canada intervened and objected to Newfoundland making a treaty in relation to the North American Fisheries, except by taking Canada in. In 1902 another treaty was entered into. "This treaty was amended to death in the Senate in 1904 and has since not been brought forward.

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Sch. Ingomar Stocked \$3607.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, stocked \$3607 on her recent fresh and salt shack trip.

Stocked \$3722 on Halibut Trip.

Sch. Gov. Foss, Capt. Fred Thompson, stocked \$3722 as the result of her recent quick halibut trip, the crew sharing \$95.80 clear.

Fitting for Shacking.

Sch. Romance is fitting for shacking under Capt. Tony Goularte.

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Beverly Fisherman Dead.

Larry White, one of the crew of the Beverly fishing schooner James R. Clark, died under an operation for appendicitis at the Marine hospital, Yarmouth, Saturday night, aged 35 years. He leaves a widow and two children, and belonged to Abram's River, N. S.

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Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.
Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

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COMPLAIN OF CARE OF HADDOCK

MARKET SKIPPERS RELAXING
BECAUSE OF LOW PRICES
EXPECTED.

Nine fares at T wharf this morning brought good prices. All were market trips of ground fish, excepting the one lot of swordfish brought in by sch. Bessie. Two of the fresh drifters have good catches, the steam Trawler Spray with a small flare, found fish scarce, and the other trips are of average size.

Haddock, as usual, predominate, and many of the skippers of late, knowing that the chances of getting many out to the market were pretty slim and that the most of them would go to spit, have not been taking the usual good care of them as far as icing is concerned. This has caused complaint both at the wharf and at Gloucester, and is a practice which should and will probably be soon given up.

Three Italian fishermen landed a total of 175 barrels of small sardine-sized herring at T wharf yesterday, while several others brought in over 100 barrels of whiting. The herring and whiting will probably be shipped to the New York market, which is having a strong call for these two varieties of fish just now.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Str. Spray, 22,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Quannapowitt, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Rebecca, 39,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2400 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 2000 haddock, 9500 cod, 4000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Joseph P. Johnson, 500 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Hattie P. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Good Luck, 1000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Bessie, 41 swordfish.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 1000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2; swordfish, 7 1-2 cts. per lb.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Halibut are being caught off Cape Elizabeth. They are not being landed in very large numbers but still a few are being caught. Yesterday 600 pounds were brought in here by the little schooner Freeman. This is the largest amount taken by one craft off the Cape this season. Four fish made up the 600 pounds. In addition, the schooner had 2000 pounds of mixed fish. The quantity of halibut landed seems to indicate that there are some of the flat fish off the Cape as well as other fish.

The bluebacks are running, but that is doing the fishermen little good. Tuesday there was too much wind for them to get out with their seines and the day before there was too much fog and rain. But it is a fact that after being two weeks or so late, the bluebacks have appeared in large numbers and of excellent quality. They are found off Small Point and around Boothbay and when the weather becomes favorable, it is probable that large numbers will be taken.

The small boats went out Wednesday morning, but did not meet with much success. There was too strong a wind outside and a high sea.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett arrived at Portland Wednesday morning, three weeks out. There was a marked lack of fish on the banks, but the weather was very fair until she was on the way home, and then it continued very rough and windy here. She brought 8300 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of salt fish.

SWORDFISH MARKED.

Was Probably Caught in Trawl
When Young and Thrown Back.

Spotted, striped, white and blue swordfish have been brought to T wharf in the past, but it remained for Capt. William Enos of sch. Rita A. Viator, which arrived at T wharf yesterday, to bring the first hand-carved member of the species to Boston. The fish, which is four feet long without its sword, and weighs 120 pounds dressed, bears the name of Frank Doucette, carved on its side, about a foot from the tail. There is also a star cut just before the name.

The fish was taken on Georges last week and as there are no marks of the lily iron on the fish, it looks as though the fish had been caught on trawls when a "baby," by Doucette, who was one of the crew of a Georges halibuter or haddock, the initials then carved, and the little fellow let go.

TOOK BAIT FROM FREEZER.

Fleet at Provincetown Tired of Waiting for Fresh Bait.

Bait continues scarce. At Provincetown the weather holds bad and the boats have had no chance this week to go for bluebacks.

The blueback fleet here got out yesterday afternoon and were not in this morning.

At the Nahant traps a few small herring are being taken but these are being shipped to New York.

Some bluebacks are being landed at Portland and quite a body of these bait fish is reported in Casco Bay.

Nothing late has been heard from Boothbay, but at Provincetown yesterday some of the skippers got tired of waiting for fresh bait and took frozen bait from the freezer and proceeded on their trips.

Price of Lobsters Decreasing.

Lobsters are decreasing in price. The season for lobster catching closed last week in Halifax, the last place for the law to go on, but to overbalance the effect of the loss of shipments from the Provinces, the Newport and Maine shipments have been large, and within a week or two Maine alone should be supplying nearly as many lobsters to the local market as that state and the Canadian fisheries have supplied together during the past few months. One reason for the expected increase in shipments from Maine is that the recent long hot spell has quickened the process of shell shedding.

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Swordfish Struck Man in Face.

Osborne Goodwin, one of the crew of sch. Valentina, at T wharf, today, went through a singular and dangerous experience, a few days ago when in attempting to haul aboard a dory a swordfish which had been harpooned and allowed to "run out," he was struck a heavy blow on the face with the sword-like protuberance of the fish, which he supposed was dead. The fish rose high out of the water when Goodwin and Capt. O'Neill tried to land it in the dory, and with a mighty swish swung its sword, catching Goodwin on the head and coming within an ace of overturning the dory. Goodwin grasped another harpoon quickly and buried it in the fish's side, killing it instantly, and it was shortly after hauled aboard the schooner. Goodwin suffered no ill effects save a scar on the left side of his face.

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Steam Trawlers Had Racing Trip.

The steam trawlers Ripple and Spray, which left T dock late Monday for the South channel grounds, arrived at T wharf yesterday morning. The trip really was a kind of race between Capt. Herbert Green of the Ripple and Capt. George Steele of the Spray.

Capt. Green's boat didn't leave T wharf until about 9 o'clock Monday evening, some five hours after Capt. Steele had started with the Spray. Capt. Steele left the grounds about 4 o'clock Wednesday, just an hour before Capt. Green's vessel got under way. The Spray with her hour start arrived at T wharf early Thursday morning, while the Ripple didn't get in until after 9 o'clock.

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BAIT SITUATION IS IMPROVED.

BUT DESIRED ARTICLE IS STILL
SCARCE AT ALL
POINTS.

There is a little change for the better in the bait situation. Yesterday at Provincetown a few bluebacks were taken, but off here the boats banged away all day and hardly stopped any fish at all.

The steamer Higgo came in last night with five barrels. Her captain reported plenty of bluebacks off here, schools in every direction but that the fish were so wild it was next to impossible to do anything with them. The whole of the shore gasoline seining fleet was on them and the captain says they set and set and could stop none. He did manage to save five barrels out of one school.

It is understood that private telegrams received yesterday stated that there was bait at Lockport, N. S., while other telegrams reported bait at Seal Cove, Grand Manan.

The guinea boat fishermen are getting just about enough bait to get along on day by day. At night they go torching in Annisquam and Little rivers and manage to get a few very small herring, just enough for one baiting of their trawls, being about all they can get in an evening's work.

Halifax Fish Conditions.

The Halifax, N. S. Chronicle says: "The first summer banker has arrived with a catch of 1300 quintals, the banking fleet as a whole are doing fairly well. Caplin are slow in coming to the land, but old fishermen prophesy from this, that fish when they do come to the shore will strike in abundance, and districts in Newfoundland, like St. Mary's Bay, Trinity Bay and Conception Bay confirm this. Latest reports from there state fish very plentiful, and in some cases working night and day fishermen have been unable to handle the large quantities already secured. Parties in Piacentia and Fortune Bay as well as the Straits still report fish scarce, but the season is still early and there is every prospect that the total Newfoundland, Labrador and Nova Scotia catch will be a record one.

"Local Bank codfish are now selling at around \$6.40 per quintal. Small lots of shore fish are coming in and selling at \$6.00 for small and \$6.50 for large. The prevailing hot weather of late has stopped curing operations and fishermen's families are mostly now busy making hay, etc.

"The situation in pickled fish is somewhat disappointing, the total catch of spring mackerel has been small, and high prices are ruling. Newfoundland herring are gradually easing off in price. The Alewife catch pickled, is about one-quarter of an average one. It looks as if before many years alewives and salmon will follow shad and become an article no longer obtainable for export."

Brazil's Codfish Imports.

Codfish of the value of \$5,430,734 were imported into Brazil during 1910. Of this great sum the United States furnished codfish of the value of only \$151,606. Brazil also imported during 1910 preserved fish valued at \$1,391,863. The United States supplied to Brazil fish to the value of \$203,771. During the same year Brazil imported \$622,815 worth of salt, taking none from this country. Great Britain furnished \$117,013 worth of the salt total. Of the two kinds of fish imported by Brazil, Norway codfish fetched \$1,146,659; Portugal sent \$888,258 of preserved fish; Newfoundland sent \$2,707,182 of codfish, and Canada supplied \$1,006,050 of codfish.

Portland Fish Notes.

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Cape North cod, \$2.20 for large and \$1.75 for mediums.
Fresh mackerel, large 31c; mediums, 22c; tinkers, 5c each.
Fresh shad, \$3.15 per bbl.
Fresh whiting, 60 cts. per bbl.

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COMPLAIN OF CARE OF HADDOCK

MARKET SKIPPERS RELAXING BECAUSE OF LOW PRICES EXPECTED.

Nine fares at T wharf this morning brought good prices. All were market trips of ground fish, excepting the one lot of swordfish brought in by sch. Bessie. Two of the fresh drifters have good catches, the steam Trawler Spray with a small flare, found fish scarce, and the other trips are of average size.

Haddock, as usual, predominate, and many of the skippers of late, knowing that the chances of getting many out to the market were pretty slim and that the most of them would go to split, have not been taking the usual good care of them as far as icing is concerned. This has caused complaint both at the wharf and at Gloucester, and is a practice which should and will probably be soon given up.

Three Italian fishermen landed a total of 175 barrels of small sardine-sized herring at T wharf yesterday, while several others brought in over 100 barrels of whiting. The herring and whiting will probably be shipped to the New York market, which is having a strong call for these two varieties of fish just now.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Str. Spray, 22,000 haddock, 1500 cod.

Sch. Quannapowitt, 35,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 6000 hake.

Sch. Rebecca, 39,000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Rose Dorothea, 2000 haddock, 9500 cod, 4000 hake, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Joseph W. Johnson, 500 haddock, 10,000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 2500 hake.

Sch. Good Luck, 1000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Bessie, 41 swordfish.

Sch. Fish Hawk, 1000 haddock, 25,000 cod, 2000 hake.

Haddock, \$2 to \$3 per cwt.; large cod \$3.50 to \$4.50; market cod, \$3; hake, \$1 to \$2; cusk, \$1.50 to \$2; swordfish, 7 1-2 cts. per lb.

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Portland Fish Notes.

Halibut are being caught off Cape Elizabeth. They are not being landed in very large numbers but still a few are being caught. Yesterday 600 pounds were brought in here by the little schooner Freeman. This is the largest amount taken by one craft off the Cape this season. Four fish made up the 600 pounds. In addition, the schooner had 2000 pounds of mixed fish. The quantity of halibut landed seems to indicate that there are some of the flat fish off the Cape as well as other fish.

The bluebacks are running, but that is doing the fishermen little good. Tuesday there was too much wind for them to get out with their seines and the day before there was too much fog and rain. But it is a fact that after being two weeks or so late, the bluebacks have appeared in large numbers and of excellent quality. They are found off Small Point and around Boothbay and when the weather becomes favorable, it is probable that large numbers will be taken.

The small boats went out Wednesday morning, but did not meet with much success. There was too strong a wind outside and a high sea.

Sch. Mary E. Sennett arrived at Portland Wednesday morning, three weeks out. There was a marked lack of fish on the banks, but the weather was very fair until she was on the way home, and then it continued very rough and windy here. She brought 5300 pounds of halibut and 5000 pounds of salt fish.

SWORDFISH MARKED.

Was Probably Caught in Trawl When Young and Thrown Back.

Spotted, striped, white and blue swordfish have been brought to T wharf in the past, but it remained for Capt. William Enos of sch. Rita A. Viator, which arrived at T wharf yesterday, to bring the first hand-carved member of the species to Boston. The fish, which is four feet long without its sword, and weighs 120 pounds dressed, bears the name of Frank Doucette, carved on its side, about a foot from the tail. There is also a star cut just before the name.

The fish was taken on Georges last week and as there are no marks of the lily iron on the fish, it looks as though the fish had been caught on trawls when a "baby," by Doucette, who was one of the crew of a Georges halibuter or haddock, the initials then carved, and the little fellow let go.

TOOK BAIT FROM FREEZER.

Fleet at Provincetown Tired of Waiting for Fresh Bait.

Bait continues scarce. At Provincetown the weather holds bad and the boats have had no chance this week to go for bluebacks.

The blueback fleet here got out yesterday afternoon and were not in this morning.

At the Nahant traps a few small herring are being taken but these are being shipped to New York.

Some bluebacks are being landed at Portland and quite a body of these bait fish is reported in Casco Bay.

Nothing late has been heard from Boothbay, but at Provincetown yesterday some of the skippers got tired of waiting for fresh bait and took frozen bait from the freezer and proceeded on their trips.

Price of Lobsters Decreasing.

Lobsters are decreasing in price. The season for lobster catching closed last week in Halifax, the last place for the law to go on, but to overbalance the effect of the loss of shipments from the Provinces, the Newport and Maine shipments have been large, and within a week or two Maine alone should be supplying nearly as many lobsters to the local market as that state and the Canadian fisheries have supplied together during the past few months. One reason for the expected increase in shipments from Maine is that the recent long hot spell has quickened the process of shell shedding.

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Swordfish Struck Man in Face.

Osborne Goodwin, one of the crew of sch. Valentina, at T wharf, today, went through a singular and dangerous experience, a few days ago when in attempting to haul aboard a dory a swordfish which had been harpooned and allowed to "run out," he was struck a heavy blow on the face with the sword-like protuberance of the fish, which he supposed was dead.

The fish rose high out of the water when Goodwin and Capt. O'Neill tried to land it in the dory, and with a mighty swish swung its sword, catching Goodwin on the head and coming within an ace of overturning the dory.

Goodwin grasped another harpoon quickly and buried it in the fish's side, killing it instantly, and it was shortly after hauled aboard the schooner. Goodwin suffered no ill effects save a scar on the left side of his face.

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Steam Trawlers Had Racing Trip.

The steam trawlers Ripple and Spray, which left T dock late Monday for the South channel grounds, arrived at T wharf yesterday morning. The trip really was a kind of race between Capt. Herbert Green of the Ripple and Capt. George Steele of the Spray.

Capt. Green's boat didn't leave T wharf until about 9 o'clock Monday evening, some five hours after Capt. Steele had started with the Spray. Capt. Steele left the grounds about 4 o'clock Wednesday, just an hour before Capt. Green's vessel got under way. The Spray with her hour start arrived at T wharf early Thursday morning, while the Ripple didn't get in until after 9 o'clock.

BAIT SITUATION IS IMPROVED.

BUT DESIRED ARTICLE IS STILL SCARCE AT ALL POINTS.

There is a little change for the better in the bait situation. Yesterday at Provincetown a few bluebacks were taken, but off here the boats banged away all day and hardly stopped any fish at all.

The steamer Higco came in last night with five barrels. Her captain reported plenty of bluebacks off here, schools in every direction but that the fish were so wild it was next to impossible to do anything with them. The whole of the shore gasoline seining fleet was on them and the captain says they set and set and could stop none. He did manage to save five barrels out of one school.

It is understood that private telegrams received yesterday stated that there was bait at Lockport, N. S., while other telegrams reported bait at Seal Cove, Grand Manan.

The guinea boat fishermen are getting just about enough bait to get along on day by day. At night they go torching in Annisquam and Little rivers and manage to get a few very small herring, just enough for one baiting of their trawls, being about all they can get in an evening's work.

Halifax Fish Conditions.

The Halifax, N. S., Chronicle says: "The first summer banker has arrived with a catch of 1300 quintals, the banking fleet as a whole are doing fairly well. Caplin are slow in coming to the land, but old fishermen prophesy from this, that fish when they do come to the shore will strike in abundance, and districts in Newfoundland, like St. Mary's Bay, Trinity Bay and Conception Bay confirm this. Latest reports from there state fish very plentiful, and in some cases working night and day fishermen have been unable to handle the large quantities already secured. Parties in Piacentia and Fortune Bay as well as the Straits still report fish scarce, but the season is still early and there is every prospect that the total Newfoundland, Labrador and Nova Scotia catch will be a record one.

"Local Bank codfish are now selling at around \$6.40 per quintal. Small lots of shore fish are coming in and selling at \$6.00 for small and \$6.50 for large. The prevailing hot weather of late has stopped curing operations and fishermen's families are mostly now busy making hay, etc.

"The situation in pickled fish is somewhat disappointing, the total catch of spring mackerel has been small, and high prices are ruling. Newfoundland herring are gradually easing off in price. The Alewife catch pickled, is about one-quarter of an average one. It looks as if before many years alewives and salmon will follow shad and become an article no longer obtainable for export."

Brazil's Codfish Imports.

Codfish of the value of \$5,430,734 were imported into Brazil during 1910. Of this great sum the United States furnished codfish of the value of only \$151,606. Brazil also imported during 1910 preserved fish valued at \$1,391,863. The United States supplied to Brazil fish to the value of \$203,771. During the same year Brazil imported \$622,815 worth of salt, taking none from this country. Great Britain furnished \$117,013 worth of the salt total. Of the two kinds of fish imported by Brazil, Norway codfish fetched \$1,146,659; Portugal sent \$888,258 of preserved fish; Newfoundland sent \$2,707,182 of codfish, and Canada supplied \$1,006,050 of codfish.

Portland Fish Notes.

Mackerel have been exceedingly scarce the past week all along the coast, but a few are now going into Boston and selling at fancy prices. They have also shown up again this way and Wednesday some 800 were brought in here from the traps at Pine Point, and 400 from Richmond Island. The fish were of varied size, ranging all the way from half pound tinkers to some of 4½ pounds, the latter being the largest and finest seen here this season.